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## 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 DISTRICT OF OREGON 3 DON'T SHOOT PORTLAND, et al., Case No. 3:20-cv-00917-HZ 4 Plaintiffs, **DECLARATION OF JESSE** 5 MERRITHEW IN SUPPORT OF VS. PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED 6 CITY OF PORTLAND, MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE 7 **OVERLENGTH BRIEF** Defendant. 8 9 I, Jesse Merrithew, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States 10 of America pursuant to 28 USC § 1746 that the following is true and correct: 11 1. I am one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs in this matter. 12 2. I make this declaration in support of *Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Leave to* 13 File Overlength Brief. 14 I have primary editing responsibilities for the brief at issue. 3. 15 4. The defendant does not concede any aspect of the Rule 23 requirements for 16 class certification are met in this case. Therefore, it is our burden to prove that each of the 17 elements are met. While the legal argument in support of our motion is not particularly 18 lengthy, laying out the necessary facts in support of that argument is. 19 20 /// 21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 /// 25

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5. The current draft of the brief is 81 pages in length. Having reviewed it, I believe I can cut the length to 75 pages and perhaps more. I will endeavor to make the brief as succinct as possible, but I do need to ensure that we are giving the Court all the necessary facts to make the findings under Rule 23. Therefore, I ask that the Court allow a brief of up to 75 pages.

**DATED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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